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Dockets Management Branch
The Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23
12420 Parklawn Dr.
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: 99P-1340/CP 1
Petition to Have Eternity eau de parfum declared misbranded

I am writing in support of the petition submitted this month by the Environmental Health Network (EHN) to have Calvin Klein's Eternity eau de parfum declared misbranded. I hope that the FDA will approve this petition in light of regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21CFR Sec. 740.10 states:

Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: "Warning Q The safety of this product has not been determined."

Eternity contains ingredients shown to be toxic yet has not conducted the necessary tests or labeled its product in compliance with the law. I respectfully request that you hold Calvin Klein accountable for complying with the law as written.

Many people enjoy perfume and yet, have no idea what they are exposing themselves, as well as the adults and children around them to.

We all have the right to make informed decisions about the products we buy and come into contact with. This is the purpose of labeling laws. Perfume manufacturers should not be able to skirt the law under the guise of "trade secrets." The tobacco companies got away with this for decades; they were untouchable until there was enough public sentiment against them for manufacturing a toxic product. A similar consciousness is now forming about perfume.

I have severe adverse reactions. Upon exposure, depending on the product, (the cheaper the fragrance the sicker I become) I have difficulty breathing, get confused, and disoriented, I lose control of my right leg so walking without assistance. I become confused, have difficulty getting my thoughts in order and then subsequently verbalizing

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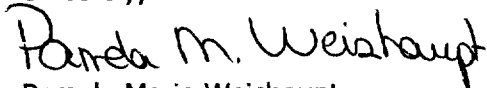
my thoughts becomes a challenge. After exposure I am often weak and extremely exhausted for days. I have a paper filter mask that I wear outside rooms and buildings that I am relatively safe. While it does filter out some of the toxins, it doesn't catch everything. Everytime I leave my home, or other places that have been made safe for me I am at risk of running into someone wearing artificial fragrances and getting sick. This is very limiting. I have lived with this reality for 5 years.

For me, even a few seconds of exposure brings on severe reactions that have impact on my health for days afterwards.

Please treat this petition with the seriousness that it deserves.

My symptoms are extreme but I am not alone. I meet more and more people all the time who do not consider themselves to have "chemical sensitivities," or even an allergy to perfume, but when I mention my own problems they understand immediately. Perfume "gives them headaches" or "affects their breathing." For all of us, those of us with disabilities and those who are "ordinary people" who can't be around perfume without getting sick, please act on this petition.

Sincerely,

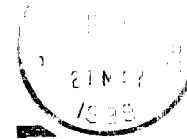
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